Justin Parish—House District 34—Democrat

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Age:

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Place of Birth:

Juneau

Occupation:

Paraeducator at Floyd Dryden Middle School

Length of Residency in Alaska:

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Education:

JDHS 2001

UAF 2001-06: B.A. in Foreign Languages

Beijing Language and Culture University 2008: HSK 6

UAS 2011-2013: B.S. Biology

Political and Government Positions:

UAS Student Senator: 2012-13

ADP Regional Vice Chair 2016-Present

Special Interests:

Hunting, Fishing, Reading, Dancing.

Other: In Juneau my family includes: my father Dave Parish, my step-mother Snova Parish, my brother Zeif, my sister Noora and her husband Roel Mangaccat.

I have spent years working at JAMHI, REACH, and for the Juneau School District. I have also worked at Fish and Game, UAS, TEMSCO Helicopters, and other businesses. This is my home and I know it well.

Statement:

Dear fellow Alaskan,

My path to politics has been unusual. I am not from a political family. I am not a lawyer or a lobbyist. Instead, I work with kids who have special needs. I see the effects of our legislature's choices first hand.

Last year, Floyd Dryden Middle School didn't have enough funding to staff our free breakfast program. So I volunteered and reached out to other organizations for support. A thin boy attends the breakfasts. I often see him miss lunch. One day he came up to me and said, "It's really great that you have this. I usually don't get breakfast."

Right now, with the PFD reduction and without an income tax, that boy is contributing more to closing our fiscal gap than a non-Alaskan making hundreds of thousands of dollars here and spending them outside. We are hitting vulnerable Alaskans hardest and shielding outside interests.

What's more; our money is going to BP, Exxon-Mobile, and other big multinationals. Next fiscal year, we expect to pay \$771 million dollars more to oil companies than we collect in production taxes. Bad deals are bankrupting our state. We are already cutting education, infrastructure, jobs, and vital services to pay for them.

We can change that. We can take ownership of Alaska. We can get a fair deal with oil companies and we can invest in Alaska. We can make hard choices ethically. With your support, I will work for Alaska alongside anyone who puts Alaskans first.

